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1. BASED ON ASSURANCES - IN - HAND FOR IPP-78 APPROVED REFUGEES,
A MAXIMUM OF 400 REFUGEES WILL DEPART MALAYSIA UNDER IPP-78 IN
SEPTEMBER. BY CLEARING MEDICAL HOLDS AND MAXIMIZING DEPARTURES
UTILIZING IMMIGRANT VISAS, DEPARTURE FIGURE MIGHT REACH 470 FOR
MONTH. LATTER FIGURE OPTIMAL. DEPARTURES UNDER IPP AND IV'S
COULD, QUITE POSSIBLY, DROP BELOW 300 LEVEL.

2. POST BANKING HEAVILY ON LRP FUNDING APPROVAL FIRST WEEK
SEPTEMBER. ABOUT 500 LRP REFUGEES NOW IN KUALA LUMPUR OR ARE
ENROUTE TO TRANSIENT CENTERS HERE. UNHCR EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER
UTILIZATION OF SPACES IN CENTER BY REFUGEES WHO MAY NOT DEPART IN
SEPTEMBER DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING. SITUATION COMPLICATED BY
MONOPOLIZATION OF 90 PERCENT OF TRANSIENT CENTER SPACES BY U.S.
PROGRAM LATER IN MONTH IN PREPARATION OR CHARTER FLIGHT OCT 2
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AND OCT 3. ONE OF THOSE CHARTERS MAY HAVE TO BE CANCELLED IF
NOTIFICATION OF LRP FUNDING NOT RECEIVED BY 15 SEPTEMBER.

3. MAS, CATHAY PACIFIC AND NORTHWEST AIRLINES CALL DAILY WITH
REQUESTS FOR CONFIRMED BOOKINGS WHICH WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE DUE
TO UNCERTAINTY OF LRP FUNDING APPROVAL DATE. IF LRP DEPARTURES
ARE TO BE ARRANGED EX K.L. TO HONG KONG, DURING SEPTEMBER, WE

MUST BE ABLE TO TELL CATHAY AND MAS THE NUMBER OF SEATS REQUIRED BEFORE TENTH OF MONTH.

4. IF NOTIFICATION OF LRP FUNDING IS RECEIVED SHORTLY, DEPARTURES FROM MALAYSIA IN SEPTEMBER COULD REACH 1,000 MARK. ATTAINMENT OF THAT LEVEL WOULD FOLLOW LOWEST MONTHLY ARRIVAL FIGURE SINCE FEBRUARY 1978. A NET DECLINE IN MALAYSIAN BOAT CAMP REFUGEE CENSUS COULD RESULT. SUCH WOULD BE PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING TO GOM WHICH GROWS INCREASINGLY UNEASY OVER IN-CAMP BOAT REFUGEE FIGURE.

5. IF ANYTHING MORE CAN BE DONE TO
(A) IMPRESS ON CONGRESS NEED FOR PROMPT LRP FUNDING OR
(B) TO GIVE POST ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF EXACT DATE FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ADDITIONAL EFFORT.
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